

Fun Ideas

Jazz up your Power Point shows with animation schemes and slide transitions.

Go to Slide Show. Choose Animation schemes to make everything on your slide the same. Choose Custom animation to give each piece a different look. Choose Slide Transitions to pick how each slide comes on the screen.

When using Excel to make tables, remember to put the lines in, otherwise looking at columns of numbers can get very confusing.

Go to File, Page Setup. Pick the Sheet tab.

If you are making a slide show of camp, an activity, or your club in general, ask some of the younger participants to help. They will feel important, and you are planting the seed for them to eventually take over this task.

Try scavenger hunts to teach Internet search skills. Make up questions or use the 4H CCS curriculum. If you are teaching, let the participants Google you or themselves (make sure nothing incriminating will pop up first or it could be embarrassing)

Use Publisher to make flyers, greeting cards, business cards, etc instead of Word. It takes a little getting used to, but the functionality is incredible.

Even for 'boring' handouts, change the font. It will make participants pay more attention.

Turn a hike into a geo-caching project. Geo-caching is also a good way to get outside and be active without totally abandoning technology.

Print out your digital pictures. Even edit them. Just make sure they are displayed somewhere.

Most of all, experiment. You don't have to be a super computer genius to make your papers, presentations, flyers, and spreadsheets extraordinary.